

THE SCHLEY MATTER.

Bills Introduced in the House in Regard to the Case.

The Secretary of the Navy to Be Directed to Present Rr. Adm. Schley With a Sword of Honor.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Representative Griffith (Ind.) introduced a resolution for an investigation of the department and of the Schley case. The preamble expresses confidence in Adm. Schley, recites the allegation of the Macley history and refers to reports that Capt. Crowninshield and other naval officers were furnished proofs of this history. The large amounts of prize money received by Adm. Sampson and Capt. Chadwick, and the small amounts received by Adm. Schley and the captains of the ships participating in the Santiago, Cuba, battle are set forth as among the subjects to be investigated.

Representative Gaines (Tenn.) introduced a resolution reciting the "unparalleled achievement of Adm. Schley in destroying the entire Spanish squadron with consummate skill and terrible celerity." The resolution makes the opinion of Adm. Dewey the opinion of congress.

Representative Ball (Tex.) introduced a resolution giving the thanks of congress to Adm. Schley.

Representative Cummins (N. Y.) introduced a resolution directing the secretary of the navy to present a sword of honor to Adm. Schley and to strike off bronze "Schley medals" for the officers and men who participated in the battle of Santiago. An appropriation of \$10,000 is made.

Mr. Butler (Mo.) introduced a resolution providing that the views of Adm. Dewey be accepted as the verdict of congress.

Representative Wheeler (Ky.), a member of the house committee on naval affairs, introduced a resolution for an investigation of the Schley case. The resolution recites the results of the recent court of inquiry and adds: Whereas, Adm. George Dewey, recognized as the foremost officer of the republic, entirely disagrees and dissents from the opinion of his colleagues on said board of inquiry, and, Whereas, The American people desire that the conduct of Rr. Adm. Schley should be investigated and passed upon by citizens of the republic in nowise connected or identified with the naval department, therefore be it Resolved, That the committee on naval affairs of the house of representatives be directed to inquire into the conduct of Rr. Adm. Schley from the time he assumed control of the flying squadron up to and including the engagement with the Spanish fleet off the coast of Cuba.

Provision is made for a report to the house of representatives and authority is given to send for persons and papers.

FORMAL PROTEST.

Adm. Schley Filed Bill of Exceptions to the Majority Findings.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Late Wednesday afternoon Adm. Schley, through his counsel, filed with the secretary of the navy his bill of exceptions to the majority findings of the court of inquiry and also a letter asking to be allowed to be heard in connection with the objections to be filed by attorneys for Adm. Sampson to the individual opinion of Adm. Dewey. This action was taken after Mr. Rayner, Mr. Teague and Capt. Parker, of counsel, had held a consultation throughout the day with their client.

Secretary Long almost immediately after the receipt of the communications called Judge Advocate Lemly and the solicitor for the department, Mr. Hanna, into conference. At its conclusion the secretary said he had no statement to make regarding any action that he might take in the premises. He, however, indicated to Mr. Teague, through the judge advocate, that he would not hear an oral argument by Mr. Rayner regarding Adm. Sampson's protest, but that he would receive a written statement.

It was expected that counsel for Adm. Sampson would file their objections to the findings of Adm. Dewey to the case Wednesday, but it is now stated that such objections may not be offered before Friday.

Adm. Schley's objections to the findings of the majority is on 31 points, and the document is quite lengthy. He objects to the approval of the findings of the court upon the ground that the opinion rendered is in conflict with the overwhelming weight of evidence; and that the majority of the court in their said opinion have ignored the testimony of the applicant and of the whole of the applicant's witnesses and all that portion of the evidence given by witnesses for the government, which was favorable to applicant, and have thus deprived him of rights guaranteed to him by the laws of the land and the constitution of the United States.

Won't Postpone Election.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Root notified Fidel Z. Pierra, Cuban delegate, that the application for a postponement of the election had been denied. He said no proof had been furnished that the election board was acting illegally.

Killed By a Burglar.

Pittsburg, Dec. 18.—Harriet P. Murphy, prominent in church and society circles, was shot and killed by a burglar at her home, 6221 Rowe street, east end, Tuesday morning. There is no clue to the murderer.

TOOK THEIR LIVES.

Two Young Men and Two Young Women Committed Suicide.

Columbus, O., Dec. 18.—Two young women and two young men were found dead Tuesday night in rooms at a boarding house, 52 East Russell street, and evidence points to a quadruple suicide, deliberately planned. The dead are: Pearl Warner, aged 28, second cook at the Manhattan restaurant; Lou Kline, aged 18, third cook at the same restaurant; Sherman Lohouse, a cab driver, and John Jacobs, chief cook at the Manhattan.

The two couples went to the boarding house Sunday and secured adjoining rooms, claiming they were married. Tuesday nothing was seen of them and the doors remained locked and no response could be secured to repeated calls, but suspicion was not aroused until night. Finally the doors to the rooms were forced and the occupants were discovered lying on the beds dead. The keyholes and cracks around the doors had been closed with rags and the fumes of chloroform filled the rooms, disclosing the cause of death. It was evident both couples had planned suicide, but the motive is not known.

All the persons had been dead several hours, but it was apparent that Miss Warner had been the last to succumb. Several empty whisky flasks in the rooms indicated that the quartet had spent Monday night in a debauch. The two women formerly lived in Chillicothe. Investigation fails to reveal that any of the four persons had had any trouble or that suicide had been contemplated. The Warner girl had been reprimanded by her employer because she had permitted her wages to be garnished because of her failure to pay for a cloak, and he thinks she may possibly have brooded over this and become so affected by it during her drunken debauch that she chloroformed her companions and then ended her own life. The coroner does not regard this theory as tenable.

TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION.

Henry C. Payne Succeeds Chas. Emory Smith as Postmaster General.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Charles Emory Smith, of Philadelphia, has tendered to the president his formal resignation as postmaster general, to take effect early next month, and Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, vice chairman of the republican national committee, has accepted the tender of the office, to which he will be nominated immediately after the holiday recess. Mr. Smith has agreed to remain until January 15, if necessary, but will return immediately thereafter to Philadelphia to resume the editorship of the Philadelphia Press.

This change in the cabinet was formally announced at Tuesday's session of the cabinet. All the members of the cabinet expressed their profound regret and the president paid a very impressive tribute to the services and personality of the retiring member of his official family. He said that he had sought to persuade Mr. Smith to alter his determination and to remain in the cabinet, but without success, and he finally accepted Mr. Smith's reasons as decisive.

REGISTERED MAIL STOLEN.

Driver of a Mail Wagon Knocked Down and One Sack Taken.

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—Oscar Kelling, driver of a mail wagon, was knocked down Tuesday night by three men as he was leaving the old post office building, and a sack of registered mail was taken from him. The robbers escaped before Kelling could give the alarm. At the time the lobby of the building was crowded and the sidewalk thronged with men returning home from business. The exact value of the contents of the lost sack is not known.

NOT A SHRED COULD BE FOUND.

Two Men Blown to Atoms By a Nitro-Glycerine Explosion.

Butler, Pa., Dec. 18.—Thomas L. Edwards, aged 37, and Charles D. Parkes, 25, both of this place, were instantly killed Tuesday evening by a terrific explosion of nitro-glycerine, which completely wrecked the nitro-glycerine factory of B. Humed & Co., about one and one-half miles from here. Not a shred of the two unfortunates could be found and the site of the magazine was marked by a hole 20 feet deep and 40 feet in diameter.

Movement of Transports.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The quartermaster general has been informed that the transport Kilpatrick has arrived at Nagasaki on her way to San Francisco with short term soldiers, and that the transport Egbert has left Nagasaki for Manila.

Jail Prisoners Mutinied.

London, Dec. 18.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that the prisoners in the jail at Barcelona mutinied and nearly overpowered their guards. Troops were called and suppressed the disorder.

Teller Charles E. Fitcham in Jail. Ballston, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Charles E. Fitcham, teller of the First national bank, of Ballston, whose defalcation caused the bank to close, was surrounded to a United States marshal Tuesday to be placed in jail at Albany. Bail was not furnished.

Presented With a Handsome Sword. Boston, Dec. 18.—Rr. Adm. Frank Wildes, who commanded the cruiser Boston at the battle of Manila Bay, was given a handsome sword Tuesday by his many friends, in the rooms of the chamber of commerce here.

STRIKES ARE LAWFUL.

Workmen Can Band Together For the Purpose of Enforcing Demands.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—In the St. Louis circuit court Wednesday Judge Taft decided that strikes were lawful and that any number of men may band together for the purpose of enforcing a demand for an increase of wages by leaving the service of their employers. The case in which the decision was rendered was that of Elbridge W. Chase against Journeymen Steamfitters' Local Union No. 29, Steamfitters' Helpers' Union No. 33, of the Building Trades Council and 170 union men who were named as defendants in the case.

On November 1, the steamfitters struck for higher wages. Among those who refused the demand was Elbridge Chase, head of the steamfitting firm of Chase & Co., who secured a temporary injunction from the circuit court November 9 to restrain the unions and all those in any manner interfering with his business. The court Wednesday refused to make the injunction permanent.

THE TOWN HALL WRECKED.

Mob of Several Thousand People Went on a Rampage in Birmingham.

London, Dec. 19.—David Lloyd George, M. P., in speaking in Birmingham town hall Wednesday night, precipitated a scene unprecedented in that city since the Aston Park riots. The majority of the audience was hostile to the speaker and was enraged by his pro-Ber and anti-Chamberlain utterances. They rushed the police cordon guarding the platform. In the meanwhile the building was besieged from the outside by a mob of several thousand people who smashed windows and tried to force the doors which had been barricaded. They silenced the audience with stones through the windows. The police reserves were turned out and succeeded in dispersing the mob after repeated charges. A number of persons were injured and the town hall was completely wrecked. Not a single window was left whole.

ADM. SAMPSON IS ILL.

Dr. Rixey's Last Report on His Condition Is An Alarming One.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Adm. Sampson's disease is creeping upon him. From day to day it grows more serious, and in recent weeks has made specially rapid developments. His family will not discuss it, but intimate friends realize that there is no hope of eventual recovery. He does not follow the events of the day with any interest, and is indeed a sick man. Dr. Rixey, McKinley's family physician, who is attending Sampson, Wednesday afternoon made an alarming report of his patient's condition.

IN A HEAVY GALE.

It Is Believed That Two Schooners, With the Crews, Were Lost.

New York, Dec. 19.—It is believed that the schooners Maud, Capt. Robinson, and Ella Brown, Capt. Peabody, which sailed from this port for Beverly, Mass., and Camden, Me., respectively, on November 5, will never be seen again. Both vessels were in the neighborhood of Cape Cod on November 10, the day of the heavy gale. The crews of the two vessels numbered, all told, 13 persons. The insurance companies are preparing to pay the claims.

STRIKE DECLARED OFF.

The Building of War Ships at San Francisco Will Be Resumed.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The navy department has been informed by the Union Iron Works Co. at San Francisco that the strike which has prevailed at their yard for over half a year has been declared off in a number of classes of workmen. It is expected that the classes who still hold out will soon return to work and that operations on the United States war ships building at San Francisco will be resumed. The battleship Ohio is among those under construction.

Fifteen Years Imprisonment.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—"Ben" Kilpatrick, the Montana train robber suspect, who was convicted here recently of uttering forged bank notes and sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in the Jefferson City (Mo.) prison, will be imprisoned by the federal authorities in the Ohio state penitentiary at Columbus, instead. His companion, Laura Ballion, will be sent to Jefferson City.

Joe Walcott Defeated Ferns.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Rube Ferns, the welter weight champion, went down to defeat at the hands of Joe Walcott, the Barbadoes black, in five rounds in the arena of the International club house at Port Erie. Walcott battered down Ferns with terrific body blows and right and left swings to the head.

Southern Chivalry.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 19.—The senate of Virginia did what it has never done before in honor of a lady. When Miss Mildred Lee, daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee, entered the senate hall the body took a recess of five minutes in her honor.

Strike Voted Down.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—By a vote of 503 to 129 the conductors and motormen of the Union Traction Co., which controls all the street railway lines in the city, early Wednesday morning decided not to strike.

PEACE PREVAILS.

Except in Five Provinces There Are No Disorders in Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Provision for a permanent civil government and for much important legislation regarding the industrial development of the Philippines is embodied in the annual report of the Philippines commission.

It is declared that the federal party spread like wildfire throughout the archipelago and that there are few towns in any of the provinces which have not their federal committees. The members of the party were most active and effective in inducing insurgent leaders to surrender. It is declared by the commission that:

"Outside of the five provinces named (Batangas, Cebu, Bohol, Samar and Mindoro), there is peace in the remainder of the archipelago. All insurgents have surrendered, and in most of the provinces, except among the lake Moros, it is entirely safe during the day for travelers unattended to go from one town to another. In other provinces recent war conditions and suffering and hardship from cattle pest and locusts have developed ladronism. The people are friendly to the civil government and manifest no desire whatever for a continuance of the war, but only a desire for peace and protection."

Taking up the question of the political future of the Philippines it is declared that the theory upon which the commission is proceeding is that the only possible method of instructing the Filipino people in methods of free institutions and self-government is to make a government partly of American and partly of Filipinos, with ultimate control in American hands for some time to come.

It is proposed by practical lessons to eliminate from the minds of the more intelligent part of the community those ideas of absolutism in government which now control and to impress upon them the division of powers prevailing under the American system. For the purpose of carrying out these views the commission outlines a project which, in brief, contemplates the continuance for two years of the existing powers of the commission. Then a representative government is to be formed composed of a civil governor, a legislative council and a popular assembly, the powers of the latter being closely limited so as to prevent it from choking the government in making the budget in fits of passion or through inexperience. The president of the United States would, of course, reserve absolute veto power. The Filipinos should also have the right to be represented before congress and the executive government at Washington by two delegates.

MCKINLEY MEMORIAL ARCH.

The Executive Committee Will Ask For Congressional Assistance.

Washington, Dec. 19.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the William McKinley National Memorial Arch association the parliamentary steps were taken for carrying out the subjects of the organization through congressional assistance. A bill will be prepared for the creation of a commission to select a site and secure designs for the memorial, the question of cost to be left for future consideration. A joint petition to congress in behalf of the project will be drafted to be signed by the officers and members of the arch association and the McKinley Memorial association of Ohio.

New Agricultural Building.

Washington, Dec. 19.—In accordance with authority conferred by congress last year the secretary of agriculture has had plans prepared for a handsome new building for the department of agriculture, and Wednesday Representative Mercer, of Nebraska, introduced a bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for the proposed new structure.

Bound Over Without Bail.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 19.—After a preliminary hearing occupying three days, C. E. Hayward was Wednesday evening bound over without bail to the district court on the charge of murdering former Representative John J. Gillilan last August. Gillilan was shot dead on the street late at night while returning to his home.

Rockefeller's Offer.

Wellesley, Mass., Dec. 19.—President Caroline Hazard, of Wellesley college, announced that J. D. Rockefeller has offered that institution \$150,000 for a dormitory and a central heating plant, provided an equal amount is added to the college endowment fund from other sources before commencement day, 1902.

Killed in a Peculiar Manner.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 19.—Dr. Scott S. Brown, a prominent resident of Chillicothe, Mo., was killed in a peculiar manner. He was an athlete and was taking regular open air exercise, which included a short run. He slipped on the icy sidewalk and fell on his head. His skull was crushed and death soon resulted.

Son Born to Mrs. Gen. Funston. Oakland, Cal., Dec. 19.—A son was born to Mrs. Frederick Funston, wife of Brig. Gen. Funston, of Kansas, Wednesday. Mrs. Funston returned from the Philippines a few weeks ago, and has been living with her parents here since.

Appointed to a High Post.

Paris, Dec. 19.—A Rome correspondent says that Rev. Dr. Thomas Kennedy, rector of the American college at Rome, has been appointed domestic prelate to the pope. This is one of the highest posts at the vatican.

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